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1. SUMMARY. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING GUIDANCE
ON PROCEDURAL HANDLING OF SEPTEMBER 15 SIGNING OF US-
AUSTRIAN CUSTOMS AGREEMENT AND INFORMATION RE COMMIS-
SIONER ACREE'S TRAVEL PLANS. EMBASSY, AFTER CON-
SULTATION WITH AUSTRIAN FINANCE MINISTRY, PROPOSES
TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR COMMISSIONER ACREE'S CONSIDERA-
TION. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBASSY REQUESTS GUIDANCE ON FOLLOWING PROCEDURAL
QUESTIONS CONNECTED WITH SIGNING OF AGREEMENT:
A. AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN. DOES STATE 172773
CONSTITUTE FORMAL AUTHORIZATION FOR AMBASSADOR BUCHANAN
AND COMMISSIONER ACREE TO SIGN AGREEMENT OR WILL A
FURTHER MESSAGE OF AUTHORIZATION BE FORTHCOMING?
B. PREPARATION OF TEXTS FOR SIGNATURE. EMBOFF HAS
DISCUSSED U.S. PRACTICE, AS SET FORTH IN 11 FAM 732-734,
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WITH GOA FINANCE MINISTRY. GOA IS WORKING ON ASSUMP-

TION THAT SINCE AGREEMENT IS BEING SIGNED IN VIENNA, THEY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENGROSSING BOTH ENGLISH AND GERMAN TEXTS, ASSURING THEIR CONFORMITY, ARRANGING IN BINDERS, ETC. AUSTRIANS CURRENTLY THINKING OF ARRANGING TEXTS ON OPPOSITE FACING PAGES. THEY WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE NEUTRAL BINDERS FOR U.S. COPIES. PLEASE ADVISE EMBASSY SOONEST CONCERNING ANY SPECIAL U.S. REQUIREMENTS (ARRANGEMENT, BINDERS, RIBBONS, SEALING) CONCERNING TEXT PREPARATION.

3. SCHEDULE OF COMMISSIONER ACREE. TO ENABLE US TO FINISH PLANNING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS CONNECTED WITH SIGNING, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING TRAVEL PLANS OF COMMISSIONER ACREE AND HIS PARTY. PLEASE ADVISE SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF DELEGATION, WHETHER HOTEL RESERVATIONS REQUIRED, AND ANY OTHER SPECIAL NEEDS. BASED ON DISCUSSIONS WITH AUSTRIANS AND ELLIS/VOLENICK TELCON, EMBASSY HAS DEVELOPED FOLLOWING VERY TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

SEPTEMBER 14. ARRIVAL IN VIENNA. IF COMMISSIONER ACREE AND HIS PARTY PLAN TO ARRIVE EARLY IN DAY AND WOULD NOT BE TOO TIRED FROM TRANSATLANTIC TRIP, AUSTRIANS ARE CONSIDERING SCHEDULING A SOCIAL EVENT, POSSIBLY ATTENDANCE AT AN OPERA PERFORMANCE. (THIS IS STILL UNCERTAIN).

SEPTEMBER 15. THE AGREEMENT WOULD BE SIGNED IN THE MORNING FOLLOWED BY A LUNCHEON HOSTED BY THE AUSTRIAN DELEGATION. FOLLOWING LUNCHEON, THERE COULD BE A TOUR OF THE CITY. A SMALL COCKTAIL OR RECEPTION, TO BE HOSTED BY THE COMMISSIONER AND/OR THE EMBASSY, WOULD BE APPROPRIATE THAT EVENING.

SEPTEMBER 16. AUSTRIANS WOULD LIKE TO SHOW COMMISSIONER ACREE THEIR CUSTOMS COMPUTER CENTER IN THE MORNING. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE COMMISSIONER AND HIS PARTY PLAN TO LEAVE FOR BUDAPEST BY PLANE (?) THE AFTERNOON OF THE 16TH. SHOULD THE COMMISSIONER BE ABLE TO REMAIN IN VIENNA ALL DAY ON THE 16TH, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AUSTRIANS ALSO HAD IN MIND TAKING HIM TO VIEW CUSTOMS CHECK POINT ON NEARBY EASTERN BORDER.

4. EMBASSY WOULD WELCOME COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS ON ABOVE PROGRAM.MEEHAN

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